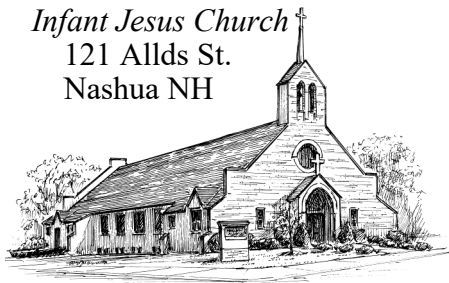
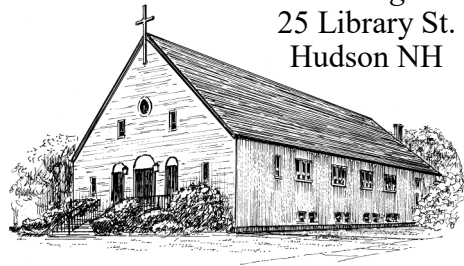


Saint John XXIII Parish

Infant Jesus Church
121 Allds St.
Nashua NH



St. John the Evangelist Church
25 Library St.
Hudson NH



Master, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.

JOHN 6:68



Saint John XXIII Parish

Office/Mailing Address:

121 Allds Street, Nashua, NH 03060-6354

Phone: 603-882-2462

Email: office@stjohnxxiiinh.org

PARISH WEBSITE: WWW.STJOHNXXIIINH.ORG

Clergy:

Rev. George Mattathilani, Pastor ext. 5

Rev. Leandro Cardoso (Brazilian Ministry)

Rev. Ethelbert Orabuque (hospital chaplain in residence)

Religious Education:

E-mail: Pastor@stjohnxxiiinh.org

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday	4:00 PM	SJE Church
	6:00 PM	IJ Church
Sunday	8:00 AM	Portuguese Mass—IJ
	8:30 AM	SJE Church
	10:30 AM	IJ Church

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday	8:30 AM	IJ Church
Wednesday	8:30 AM	SJE Church
Thursday	8:30 AM	IJ Church
Friday	8:30 AM	SJE Church

OUTREACH

Hudson Community Food Pantry 603-883-6048
Corpus Christi Food Pantry: 603-882-6372
NH Catholic Charities: 603-889-9431

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:30 PM
at St. John the Evangelist Church.

August 25, 2024

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



We have come
to believe.

Mass Intentions

Saturday

SJE 4:00 PM
IJ 6:00 PM

Sunday

IJ 8:00 AM
SJE 8:30 AM

IJ 10:30 AM

Tuesday

IJ 8:30 AM

Wednesday

SJE 8:30 AM

Thursday

IJ 8:30 AM

Friday

SJE 8:30 AM

Saturday

SJE 4:00 PM
IJ 6:00 PM

Sunday

IJ 8:00 AM
SJE 8:30 AM

IJ 10:30 AM

August 24

Richard Othot by his family
For the health of
Nancy & Loren Rydstrom

Aug. 25 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass in Portuguese
Rose & Jim Gardner
by Don Smith
Deana Cardinale 8th Ann.
by het family

August 27

Intentions of the Parishioners

August 28

Intentions of the Parishioners

August 29

Intentions of the Parishioners

August 30

For the health of Rita & John Windyka

August 31

John Casey by the family
Gertrude Michaud
by the Ladies of Ste. Anne

Sept. 1 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass in Portuguese
Rose & Jim Gardner
by Don Smith
Theresa Duchesne.
by Lori & Doug Fowler



Weekly Readings Aug. 26 – Sept, 1, 2024

Monday 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5 Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday 2 Thes 2:1-3A, 14-17 Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 Mt 23:27-32
Thursday 1 Cor 1:1-9 Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mk 6:17-29
Friday 1 Cor 1:17-25 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 Mt 25:1-13
Saturday 1 Cor 1:26-31 Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21 Mt 25:14-30
Sunday Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

CELEBRATE OUR FRENCH HERTIAGE WITH SONG
 Come, be French with us at this Free Concert with Marie-Line Morin and friends. Recalling French & Canadian history and cultural traits with various songs, Marie leads us into the heart of the French heritage. The concert will be held this Sunday, August 25th , 4 PM at Mary Queen of Peace Church, 200 Lawrence Road, Salem, NH.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week Ending ~ Aug. 17 & 18, 2024	
Adult Envelopes (41)	\$1,320.00
WeShare (Online Giving) (46)	\$640.00
Loose Cash	\$299.00
Offertory Total:	\$2,259.00
Fuel	\$145.00
Debt Reduction	\$50.00
<i>May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!</i>	

Saint John XXIII Parish

REFLECTION - 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The cause of our disappointment can be anything from a car to a carnival; a rest stop or a restaurant; a movie or a meeting. The frustration with whatever letdown happened ultimately makes us say, at least to ourselves, "I'm never going to buy, or buy into, that item again.

Something akin to that decision must have formed in the minds and hearts of many of Our Lord's early followers on that fateful day when He announced the Eucharist. It was altogether "too much" for them to accept what He said. Time to walk away, back to their former way of life.

In the wake of their shuffling sandals and their overheard murmurs, the Apostles were stunned into silence and confused by the mystery. Then Jesus asked: "Do you also want to leave?" For a few moments, there was a "loud silence," if you get my meaning. The birds still chirped overhead; the breeze still tousled their hair; images still troubled their thoughts. Eating flesh and drinking blood broke every law of Moses they knew.

But in the nick of time, our bold, brash, and impetuous first pope St. Peter broke the silence and asked the same question we sometimes ask, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." Indeed, He did and still does forever.

Yet, here was the perfect opportunity for Jesus to ease their minds and say: "My people, I was only speaking figuratively!" Or "I mean for the bread and wine to be symbols. Not my actual body and blood!" But He never did. In fact, that mistaken understanding is the very one that anchors every non-Catholic Christian church up to today. With due respect for the goodness in those churches, their founders exemplify what happens when hearers of the truth don't like what they hear.

The Bible stands strong here, when human weakness finds this teaching of Jesus unacceptable. How ironic that fundamentalists, who prefer to take literally what they read in Scripture, will not do so with words that Jesus said on Holy Thursday night.

At any rate, here is a powerful quote from the talk that Pope St. John Paul II gave at Phoenix Park during his three-day visit to Ireland in the Fall of 1979. He unknowingly but prophetically describes the situation we find right now in our own country:

"When the moral fiber of a nation is weakened, when the sense of personal responsibility is diminished, then the door is open for the justification of injustices, for violence in all its forms and for the manipulation of the many by the few. The challenge that is already with us is the temptation to accept as true freedom what in reality is only a new form of slavery. And so, it becomes all the more urgent to steep ourselves in the truth that comes from Christ...It is especially in the Eucharist that the power and the love of the Lord are given to us" *Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

BIBLE STUDY - JAMES PEARLS OF WISDOM

St. Patrick Parish, Nashua NH, will begin an eleven-week Bible study James: Pearls of Wise Living on September 12, 2024, at 6:00 PM. We will be meeting in the Parish Center each week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a group discussion and fellowship. To purchase your workbook and/or online access visit ascensionpress.com. If you have any questions, please contact Sheila D'Entremont at Sheila@DEntremont.org. James is one of the most practical books of the Bible. Its teachings speak loudly to those who feel torn between the competing demands of this world and their faith. .

42ND ANNUAL SCOUT RETREAT

All Scouts (Boys & Girls) in grades 6-12, and adult leaders, are invited to the 42nd Annual Scout Retreat Fri. Sept. 13 – Sun. Sept. 15, 2024 at Camp Fatima in Gilmanton Iron Works NH. The cost is \$20 per scout and \$13 per adult. This Retreat is like a Camporee - it's very active, involving scouts in a number of fun, interesting, challenging, thought provoking and faith filled activities, including a climbing wall, high ropes, capture the flag, and a dance! Put on by Fr. Ray Ball & the Diocesan Catholic Scouting Committee. BSA, GSUSA, American Heritage Girls, Venture Crews, Trail Life, Troops of St. George, and Knights of Columbus Squires are all invited. For information or to register: www.catholicnh.org/scout or www.facebook.com/nhscoutretreat or FrRay3@gmail.com or (603) 224-4393 x1.

UNITED WAY –SEPTEMBER COFFEE & CAUSES STAYING CYBER SECURE & SCAM FREE

You are invited to join United Way of Greater Nashua Friday, September 6, 2024 from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM, at the Wadleigh Memorial Library, 49 Nashua Street, Milford, NH for our September Coffee and Causes event. Join Peter LaRouche, Network Intrusion Forensic Analyst with the US Secret Service, as he shares real-life examples and practical tips on how to prevent internet and phone scams that target older adults. This session will cover topics like recognizing phishing scams, creating strong passwords, and what to do if you or someone you know falls victim to fraud. This is a must-attend event for anyone concerned about online security—don't miss out on this opportunity to learn how to protect yourself and your loved ones from cybercrime Register: <https://tinyurl.com/Sept2024-Coffee> /or contact United Way at info@unitedwaynashua.org or (603)882-4011.

CORPUS CHRISTI SOCK & UNDERWEAR DRIVE

Corpus Christi Assistance is collecting new socks and underwear for school aged children again this year. Girls and boy's pre-k, youth to adult, small sizes are appreciated by our families with children preparing for the start of new school year. Donations will be accepted through the end of August. Drop off along with your parish pantry offerings or stop by Monday and Wednesday 10-12pm, Tuesday and Thursday 2-4pm, 3 Crown St. Nashua.

GRIEFSHARE

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? Griefshare. 14 sessions. Joine anytime during the series. Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 PM starting September 11th at St. John Neumann Hall, 708 Milford Road, Merrimack, NH. Contact Deacon Brian Lester at deacon@sjnnh.org or <https://www.griefshare.org/> for more information.

2024 NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

We are grateful to all our parishioners who have given to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. As of today, our parishioners have raised **\$11,880.00** toward our goal of **\$33,463.00**. 100% of the funds raised above this Appeal goal are returned to our parish this year. If you have not made your gift yet, please bring your gift envelope to Mass next weekend or make your gift online at www.catholicnh.org/nhca or scan the QR code on the right.

